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H/PASS CONGRESSMAN ANTHONY C. BEILENSEN

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TAGS: PINT, PINS, TS
SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN TUNISIAN CITIZEN
L ABDERRAHMAN TOUNSI

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN ANTHONY C. BEILENSEN DATED JULY 29 AND SENT TO AMBASSADOR MULCAHY VIA INTERNATIONAL MAIL. LETTER REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING SITUATION OF ABSERRAHMAN TOUNSI, PRESUMABLY A TUNISIAN CITIZEN BEING HELD BY GOT AUTHORITIES. BEILENSEN LETTER DID NOT SPECIFY THIS POINT NOR PROVIDE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION TO IDENTIFY TOUNSI. LETTER REQUESTED INFORMATION ON STATE OF TOUNSI'S HEALTH AND MEDICAL TREATMENT AVAILABLE TO HIM, WHEN HIS IMPRI-

SONMENT WILL TERMINATE, FREQUENCY OF VISITATION BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS ALLOWED TO HIM, THE NAME OF TOUNSI'S ATTORNEY AND THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF HIS FAMILY.

2. EMBASSY FILE CONTAINS NO REFERENCE TO TOUNSI, AND CONSEQUENTLY WE APPROACHED TUNISIAN PRIVATE ATTORNEY WHO IS NORMALLY WELL-INFORMED AND HELPFUL TO US ON QUESTIONS SUCH AS THOSE RAISED IN BEILENSEN LETTER. THIS ATTORNEY, HOWEVER, HAS NOT BEEN ABLE SO FAR TO PROVIDE US WITH THE INFORMATION REQUESTED. HE ADVISED THAT NEARLY ALL TUNISIAN ATTORNEYS ARE ON VACATION AND IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO MAKE FURTHER INQUIRY UNTIL AFTER THE
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END OF RAMADHAN (SEPTEMBER 14). OUR SOURCE TOLD US THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS AND CONTACT US AS SOON AS HE HAD FURTHER INFORMATION. HE WAS ABLE TO ADVISE US THAT TUNISIANS WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED AND SENTENCED FOR CRIMES MAY BE VISITED ONLY BY FAMILY MEMBERS ONCE A WEEK.

3. IN ABSENCE OF AMBASSADOR MULCAHY (WHO IS CURRENTLY ON

ANNUAL LEAVE) WE REQUEST AOI # PROVIDE CONGRESS BEILENSON WITH

AN INTERIM REPLY TO HIS JULY 29 LETTER, DRAWING ON THIS CABLE
FOR THE RESPONSE.

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